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SUBJ:INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER CAUSING INCREASING POLLUTION

1. WATER POLLUTION WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE
"EXCELSIOR" OF DEC. 7, WHICH PROMPTED STRONG EDITORIAL
COMMENT IN THE SAME EDITION.

2. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT, ACCORDING TO STUDIES CARRIED
OUT BY THE DEPT. OF WATER UTILIZATION AND PREVENTION OF
CONTAMINATION (WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT OF HYDRAULIC
RESOURCES) "THE ANNUAL DISCHARGE OF WASTE WATER - 2.34
MILLION CUBIC METERS FROM INDUSTRY AND 31 MILLION CUBIC
METERS FROM AGRICULTURE - INTO RIVERS, LAKES AND LAGOONS,
MIXED WITH GREASE AND OIL FROM UNDERWATER OIL DRILLING
HAVE MADE THE PROBLEM OF CONTAMINATION IN THE GULF OF
MEXICO ALARMING."

3. IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE WORST POLLUTION IS
FOUND NEAR ACAPULCO, ZIHUATANEJO, AND MAZATLAN. ALSO
AFFECTED SERIOUSLY ARE THE FOLLOWING RIVER BASINS:
PANUCO, LERMA, BALSAS, BLANCO, GUAYALEJO, SAN JUAN
CULIACAN, FUERTE, COAHUAYANA, NAZAS, AND CONCHOS. THE
BASINS OF THESE RIVERS CONTAIN 59 PERCENT OF THE
INDUSTRY AND 42 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE
COUNTRY.

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4. BOTH THE ARTICLE AND THE EDITORIAL POINT OUT THE

DANGER THIS PROBLEM CREATES FOR THE TOURISM AND FISHING INDUSTRIES AND URGE A MORE RIGOROUS MONITORING SYSTEM.

5. VIZCAINO-MURRAY AND DR. EDUARDO ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ HAVE BEEN REPLACED AS UNDERSECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND TECHNICAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY, BY ING. UMBERTO ROMERO-ALVAREZ AND DR. BLANCA ORDONEZ. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT NEW UNDERSECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IS IN PROCESS OF REORGANIZING DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OF WATER RESOURCES AND OTHER POLLUTION PROBLEMS. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.
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